

BBYO IMMUNIZATION POLICY — version 1/20/2022

ALL THOSE WHO ARE IN ATTENDANCE AT BBYO overnight experiences (children and adults) are required to have **age-appropriate vaccines** recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC):

- Tdap (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis)
- IPV (Poliovirus)
- Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type b bacteria)
- PCV 13 (Pneumococcal) vaccine or PCV 23
- MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) or serologic evidence of immunity. Adults born before 1957 are assumed to be immune to measles
- Varicella vaccine (Chicken Pox), or serologic or historical evidence of immunity
- Menactra (Meningococcal disease / Meningitis) - required for those age 11 and older

Recommended, but not required:

- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B

BBYO strongly recommends the administration of the Hepatitis A vaccine according to the standard AAP/CDC vaccine schedule. Please consult with your doctor about the recommended AAP/CDC schedule for the Hepatitis A vaccine. Due to recent outbreaks of Pertussis and to the possibility that immunity may deteriorate overtime, we are strongly recommending a Tdap booster for those over the age of 9 and/or have not had a Tdap booster in the past 10 years.

COVID-19 Vaccine: BBYO requires all teens and adults attending overnight programs based in the United States to be fully vaccinated (vax date plus 2 weeks). Currently, Moderna, Pfizer, Astra Zeneca, or Johnson & Johnson are the accepted vaccines. All teens and adults must also receive the COVID-19 booster if their second vaccine dose (or first dose for Johnson & Johnson) was received more than 180 days before the start of an event. The booster must be received no later than 14 days before an event's start date.

Policy Exceptions: We recognize that individuals with specific medical conditions (i.e., documented allergy or severe adverse reaction to a particular vaccine, congenital immunodeficiency or HIV, malignancies receiving chemotherapy, transplant patients, and persons receiving immunosuppressive drugs and chronic steroids), will not be able to receive certain vaccines. In these instances, a physician documenting the problem and exempting the child from further doses of that specific vaccine must be furnished to BBYO. In addition, if an individual or his/her family believes that a specific situation poses extenuating circumstances and furnishes a letter from a medical doctor substantiating this contention, BBYO will review such situations on a case-by-case and event-by-event basis.